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Clowns on stilts at the Nationals Opener.

Hurled Geo. W. Bush Starts Nats Season

The first pitch of the season at the new Nationals Ballpark was delivered by President George W. Bush.

Tied in the 9th inning the Mar. 30 evening game against the Atlanta Braves was climaxed by the bottom-of-the-ninth home run by the team's "Franchise Player," Ryan Zimmerman.

Easter Finery



Two boys, in shirts, ties and jackets for Easter, show off the baskets of eggs collected in an Easter Egg Hunt.

Waterside Mall is a Hole in the Ground – Again

After demolition of the old Waterside Mall, excavation has started for constructing the foundations and underground parking for the new office buildings of WATERFRONT, as it is being called. Many residents of Near Southwest will remember 40 plus years ago when construction first started.

Developers Forest City Washington have given us the following answers to questions about how things are going:

"Thanks for the inquiry. Here are answers to your questions:

1. Are they driving piles for the foundation? **Yes.**

2. Will that noise continue long? **We anticipate the pile driving activity will be completed in May.**

3. Is this the beginning of the parking garage? **Yes it is.**

4. Does one building go up before the second or both together? **Both buildings, which will be located on either side of 4th St. SW, are being constructed concurrently. However, one building will deliver about a**



month later than the other in late 2009/early 2010.

5. What's the timing of 4th St? **The opening of 4th St. SW will coincide with the delivery of the two office buildings.**

6. Of demolition of the park on I

St. SW? **The park demolition is a part of the 4th St. project. Waterfront Associates will demolish the park on behalf of the District according to their schedule.**

7. Will there be briefings of the ANC? **At this point, there are no scheduled update briefings with ANC 6-D.**

8. Do you have a webcam? **Yes, here is a link to it— <http://oxblue.com/pro/open/?webPath=clark/waterfront>**

9. Does a website tell any of this? **A more comprehensive website for this project is currently under construction and expected to be live by this summer. The project's existing website is www.waterfrontdc.com.**

(Here is how the construction site looked on the web-cam in mid-April, 2008. – Copyrighted 2008 by OxBlue, Inc., used by permission).

And how it will look a few years from now.



Nationals Stadium Events - Alert -

Here are the announced "Nationals Stadium Events" for the next few weeks. New parking and traffic restrictions – and increased enforcement personnel - go into effect before, during games, and after these games.

Tall meters say ballgame rates and rules start one hour before game time and half hour "AFTER AN EVENT" [I suppose you have to guess when the game is over. I think usually three hours].

Center Field gate opens two and a half hours before game time. All other gates open one and a half hours before game starts.

Playing starts at these times:

Wed. Apr. 23, 7:10 evening

Thu. Apr. 24, 7:10 evening

Fri. Apr. 25, 7:35 evening

Sat. Apr. 26, 7:10 evening

Sun. Apr 27, 1:35 afternoon

Tues. Apr. 29, 7:10 evening

Wed Apr 30 4:35 afternoon

Thurs. May 1, 7:10 evening

Fri., May 2, 7:35 evening

Sat. May 3, 1:05 afternoon

Sun. May 4, 1:35 afternoon

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Friendship Baptist Events

SUNDAY May 25 Male Chorus of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA in Concert, Friendship Baptist Church, 900 Delaware Ave. SW, 3:00 pm (Tribe of Judah).

SATURDAY June 21 Fishing Trip to Virginia Beach sponsored by the Tribe of Judah, Friendship Baptist Church. For more info call 301-270-1594 or 240-441-0629.



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(New rates effective with May 2007 issue)
The Southwester carries four columns, each 2 1/2" wide. Each page has a printed area of 10 x 13 3/4".

Black and White

Sixteenth page (2 1/2 x 3 7/16") \$ 50
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The Southwester has no classified ads.

Color

In addition to the prices listed above, full process color ads pay an additional \$100 for a half page or smaller and \$200 additional for a full page.

Ad Deadline: Wednesday, May 7, 2008

DMV Closed May 24, 26

All Dept. of Motor Vehicle facilities will be closed Memorial Day weekend – Sat. May 24 and Mon. May 26. The closings information on their website dmv.washingtondc.gov states: "The District government observes 11 legal holidays. On these holidays, District government offices are closed and services are usually suspended for the day. By law, when a public holiday falls on Saturday, the holiday is observed by the government on the Friday before. When a public holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday is observed on the following Monday."

*****Please Note:** When a Holiday is observed on a Monday, **ALL** DMV Service Centers, Adjudication Services and the Inspection Station will be closed on that Monday and the preceding Saturday".

Neo Morake, Student Pres. at Grinnell

Southwest student Neo Morake has been elected by the student body of Grinnell College, a private, liberal arts college in Iowa, as the 2008-09 student government president. She is a Political Science major about to enter her senior year. She has been a student staff member in a dormitory, a dining hall worker, softball manager and Grinnell Posse intern.

Neo graduated from Amidon Elementary, Jefferson Junior High, and the Banneker Academic High School. She is an active member of SW's Saint Matthews Lutheran Church. Neo was one of ten Washington, DC, area high school students awarded merit scholarships from the Posse Foundation. She is the daughter of Shirley Morake Murphy and Tony Murphy who now reside in Houston Texas.

Posse is a nationwide program that selects and trains 10-member teams of inner city high school students who then support each other as a "Posse" as they attend Grinnell or one of a half dozen other liberal arts college on four year scholarships).

STADIUM EVENTS

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Fri. May 9, 7:35 evening
Sat. May 10, 7:10 evening
Sun May 11, 1:35 afternoon
Mon. May 19, 7:10 evening
Tues. May 20, 7:10 evening
Wed. May 21, 7:10 evening
Fri. May 23, 7:35 evening
Sat. May 24, 7:10 evening
Sun. May 25 1:35 afternoon
Mon May 26 1:35 afternoon
Sat. May 31 school game. [This is considered a "stadium event," triggering all special rules for parking and traffic].

Southwest Community Calendar April 19 - May 31, 2008

SAT. APR. 19 Council Member Tommy Wells SW walkthrough for safety. Waterfront Metro 401 M St. SW, all are welcome to join 2pm.

THURS. APR. 24 NARFE, SW Branch Library, Wesley Pl & K St. SW, 12:30 pm.

SAT. APR. 26 Southeastern University Open House, 6th and I (Eye) St. SW, 9:30 am-11:30 am.

SAT. APR. 26 Hazardous Waste disposal, Carter Barron, 16th & Kennedy NW, 9 am-3pm.

SAT. APR. 26 Free Walking Tours: "Southwest Waterfront" 401 M SW to Maine Ave. Seafood - 10 am-11:30 am; "Capitol Riverfront" NJ & M SE around and return same place, 10:30 am - noon; Washington Waterfront, 401 M SW Waterfront Metro to P & Water St. - end at Seventh St. & Maine Ave. SW, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

MON. APR. 28 Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) monthly public meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm.

TUES. MAY 6 Police Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) for Police First District, 415 4th St. SW (?), 7 pm.

WED. MAY 7 Public meeting on new parking rules, DDOT and Council Member Tommy Wells, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 5th & Pennsylvania Ave. SE, 7pm to 8:30 pm

THURS. MAY 8 Council Member Tommy Wells "office hours," Channel Inn, 7th & Water St. SW, 8 am- 9:30 am.

MON. MAY 12 SW-SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC6D) meeting open to the public, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7 pm.

SAT. MAY 17 Third Sat. Community Breakfast, \$5, Christ United Methodist

Please submit calendar items for March events to voice mail – 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com or by US mail to PO Box 70131 by Wednesday, May 7.

Arena Stage 2008-9 List



Jan 30-Feb. 15 at Lincoln

A Delicate Balance by Edward Albee, Feb. 5-Mar. 15 at Crystal City

Crowns by Regina Taylor, a musical, Mar. 27-Apr. 26 at Lincoln Theatre

A Long and Winding Road by Maureen McGovern, Mar. 31-Apr. 12, 2009, at Crystal City

Legacy of Light by Kare Zacarias, May 8-June 14, 2009, at Crystal City

Sweet Bird of Youth by Tennessee Williams, May 28-June 27, 2009 at Lincoln Theatre

I Love a Piano by Irving Berlin, a musical

SEU Open House Apr. 26

(excerpts from a release)

A Community Open House on Sat., April 26 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., will put on display new renovations at Southeastern University, resulting in four of the largest second floor classrooms and three break-out spaces throughout 5,300 square-feet. The renovations incorporate modern, leading-edge design elements as the standard for best-practices in the educational community. Classes commenced in the new rooms at the beginning of the spring quadmester on March 24.

"Southeastern is committed to preparing our students in the best possible environment for learning," said SEU President Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis. "Our technologically-advanced wing has been designed to respond to the way students learn and change the way professors teach."

The classrooms feature interactive Smartboard™ technology. The touch-sensitive whiteboard allows control of computer applications from the display, writing notes in digital ink, and saving work to share later.

Enrolling more than 800 students—primarily from throughout the greater District of Columbia area, but also representing more than 45 countries—Southeastern University is located in the

dynamic Southwest quadrant of DC at the corner of 6th and I Streets with an additional location for its Center for Allied Health Education at Greater Southeast Community Hospital in Southeast DC.

SEU Center for Entrepreneurship Calendar

Nonprofit Budgeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 6:00pm-8:30pm
Cost: FREE

Location: Southeastern University, 501 I Street, SW WDC

Nonprofit Strategic Planning

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 from 6:00pm-8:30pm
Cost: FREE

Location: Southeastern University, 501 I Street, SW WDC

The Center for Entrepreneurship offers a distinctive business training experience for current and aspiring business owners interested in building the capacity and revenue of their businesses. For more information about the CfE, please call us at (202) 478-8231. Register online at www.southeastern.edu or email us at entrepreneur@seu.edu

SEU Fair May 17

Southeastern University's annual International Fair is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. The event will feature international food, music, dancing, a moon bounce, face painting, Mrs. Shakespeare Story Time, coloring pictures table, snow cones and popcorn. There will be interactive activities for all ages, and a fashion show with costumes from countries representing the international student population.

It's open to the public at no charge, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Southeastern University Student Book Fund.

The International Fair will be at the playground area between Southeastern and Amidon Elementary School at I St. and 6th St., SW. If it rains, all will be moved indoors.

Please contact Berti Bryant at 202-478-8268, or bbryant@seu.edu for more information or to participate in the fashion show.



Scenes from past SEU International Festivals. Photos by Yvonne Hudson



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Sat., Apr 26	COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE in our renovated classroom wing!
	Classes have begun in our state-of-the-art classrooms! Join President Charlene Drew Jarvis and other faculty and staff over morning coffee at this informal and informative event. Open to the public. 9:30-11:30 am. Dr. Jarvis' remarks at 10 am
Sat., May 17	INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
	Music, costumes, dancing, food, and fun for all ages! Southeastern's annual gift to the community, a celebration of global heritage and diversity. Face painting, treats, moon bounce, story time and more for kids! Donations benefit our Student Book Fund. Amidon School playground, beside the University on I St., 12-3 pm.
Sat., May 3	ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSE Summer Classes begin June 23
	Learn about courses, degrees, certificates, and more! Meet faculty and staff! 10 am - 2 pm
Wednesdays	ACADEMIC INFORMATION SESSIONS
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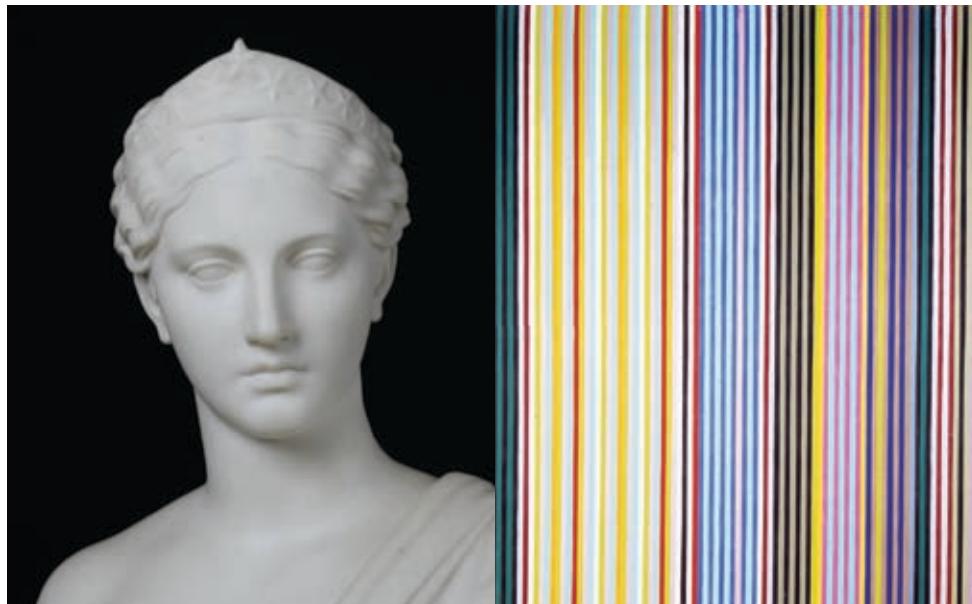
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Gene Davis, *Black Popcorn* (detail), 1965, oil on canvas, Purchase and Exchange 67.7 © Estate of Gene Davis

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Former SW Activist at Freedom House

By Thelma Jones

Lavern Jackson Chatman, former SW resident and SWNA Board member, invites the community to visit the newly-open Freedom House Museum at 1315 Duke Street in Alexandria, VA. The Duke Street building was once the largest domestic slave-trading operation in America. Freedom House is now the headquarters of the Northern Virginia Urban League (NOVAUL), which organization is now headed by Jackson, as CEO and President since 2004.

A tour of the museum will enable visitors to learn about the challenges of past human suffering, contributions of slaves

to the American society and the ongoing struggle being waged by the Urban League's outreach efforts. Visitors will also see artifacts from the past such as an actual cotton boll which reminds us when cotton was "king," hear slave narrative readings, see text etched on the wall about the sale of individual slaves, and watch a motion-activated film with costumed students from a local university enacting slave life in Alexandria.

The museum is free and open to the public. For hours of operation, please call (703) 836-2858, email tours@freedomhousemuseum.org or visit www.freedomhousemuseum.org.

Metro Entrance at 7th & D SW

For those of you who are wondering, Mr. Carlson of Kramer Consulting



explained that after the construction the escalator for the Metro at the Nassif Building (Constitution Center) will remain accessible from D St. between 6th and 7th St. He supplied these photos. According to a Metro Official, this entrance will open in July, 2008

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"Mary Early: New Sculpture, Gallery 101, Georgetown University, 2008"

Mary Early, SW Artist

By Thelma Jones

Even as the last buildings of old Southwest Waterside Mall come tumbling down, we can still boast about some of Washington's best-kept secrets. Mary Early, 32, a sculptor on the rise, is one of our community secrets. A 1997 graduate of Bennington College with a BA in Visual Arts, Early creates large-scale complex sculptures and installations. She works in various media, such as wood, wax and beeswax and also creates drawings, including pencil and ink on paper. She began exhibiting and selling her works around 1998 and admits: "I don't make much money on selling sculpture!" Instead her income comes from grants and honorarium.

Early's recent work has concentrated on a select few forms in which she repeats carefully chosen shapes to create larger objects. She states: "This has taken on variations, from a hoop shape that almost resembles a skirt to a dense circular ring that rests on the floor to an arch that begins at floor level and rises up to barely meet the wall." Her sculptures can incorporate a few dozen to over a thousand components, each component made up of its own multiple parts. Simply magnificent!

Early's influences include sculptors such as Martin Puryear, Rachel Whiteread, and Wolfgang Laib, whose sculptures can be seen at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and the National Gallery of Art.

In 2007, Early was a finalist for the

Bethesda Trawick Prize and received an Artist Fellowship from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. She is a member of the board of Washington Sculptors Group, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting programs for artists.

Early's success has earned her recognition in more than 15 publications. Her works have been cited in *The Washington Post*, *The Washington City Paper*, *The Examiner*, *Sculpture Magazine*, and *ArtPapers*, as well as WETA's *Around Town*. She has participated in over 25 exhibitions, from Vermont to the Washington area, including the Carroll Square Gallery, Warehouse Gallery, Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery, ArtDC, and in art galleries at the University of Maryland and Georgetown University. Today, Early's sculptures can be seen in the art collections of the US Department of State (Embassy of Panama), Dickstein, Shapiro LLP (Washington, DC), and Hotel Palomar (Arlington, VA).

Early is represented by Hemphill Fine Arts and works out of a studio located in a turn-of-the century carriage house on Capitol Hill. To learn more about her work, visit www.maryearly.com or www.hemphillfinearts.com. Being a Southwest best-kept secret is just one of Early's many distinctions — she is also the daughter of Jim and Carole Early, long-time Southwest residents (Carole is the co-editor of *The Southwester*).

and lunch, and the camp helps fill a critical void for many parents who don't have childcare during their children's week off.

This year the theme was "Festivals Around the World." Campers learned about a festival from a different country each day, including Hanami (Japan), Day of the Dead (Mexico), Incwala (Swaziland), Diwali (India), and Carnival (Brazil). These themes were explored through creative hands-on activities, education, arts and crafts, and recreation.

City Year at Amidon ES

By Carole Early

In March, 2008, City Year Washington, DC, held a spring vacation camp at Amidon and two other public schools, as it has for the past eight years to provide a fun, safe, and enriching environment for children to spend their spring vacation. Parents are only charged \$20 for the entire week of camp, including breakfast

Universal Pictures Filming in Southwest

By Cary Kamarat

At the beginning of April, residents of Harbour Square and Tiber Island witnessed a two-day build-up of film crews along with a variety of rolling and towering equipment in their backyards. Filming for Universal Pictures, Working Title Films wound up four weeks of location

shooting for *State of Play*, a political thriller starring Ben Affleck and Russell Crowe. The film is based on the original mini-series of the same title, aired on BBC One in 2003 and BBC America the following year.

Vans, food carts, and bustling crews centered around Harbour Square's 560 Building. The co-op complex doubles as the home of Congressman Stephen Collins, played by Ben Affleck, who has presidential ambitions and whose mistress is found (you guessed it) 'dead in suspicious circumstances'. Russell Crowe's character, Cal McCaffrey, is a street-wise reporter in search of the truth who lives in Mount Pleasant, one of several other local areas depicted.



A food cart at Harbour Square's 560 Building.

About a third of the movie was shot in the District, including the U Street Corridor and Ben's Chili Bowl (where restaurant workers were used as extras), several spots on Capitol Hill, and the Maine Avenue Fish Market. But the modified exterior of the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been used as a hospital entrance; and there are outdoor scenes set on Mount Pleasant Street that were filmed at a Los Angeles studio. Metro shots were actually done at the Rosslyn station, across the river in Virginia, for visual reasons. It was the only one in the system to have an escalator leading to trains passing on upper and lower levels at the same time.

State of Play is scheduled for release in April, 2009.



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River Park Friends of SW Helps SW/SE

By Thelma Jones

At its recent annual meeting, River Park Friends of Southwest learned it has made grants totaling about \$55,000 over the past nine years or an average of about \$6000 annually since its inception and continues to grow. This reflects the organization's viability which has grown from 1999 when it awarded only about \$2500 and in 2006, awarded over \$8000. "We hope to increase the amount of awards each year that we can make; our applicants are coming in with larger requests, and we have new inquiries for awards," said President Farlee. Spending 10% for administrative costs, RPF of Southwest is committed to keeping its cost at a minimum while focusing on funding programs. RPF of Southwest does not conduct programs but instead aims to enhance, support, and supplement efforts in its three core areas -- community development, education, and charitable. President Farlee noted that the largest percentage of the organization's funds has benefited educational grants (58%), followed by community development activities (26%) and charitable activities (16%).

Awards for 2007 included EmmaUS Learning Center (\$500) to help support the annual summer enrichment program for SW students; Living Classrooms Foun-

dation of the National Capital Region (\$1000) to help support a project for SW elementary school students on educating them about watersheds and their effects on the environment; Children's Environmental Health Network (\$1000) to help support efforts to reduce health disparities among pre-school children in the District; SWNA Scholarship Fund (\$1200) to help provide scholarship assistance for a SW resident; OurPlace DC (\$1000) to help support SW women and their families who have been incarcerated; South Washington West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative (\$1000) to help support their parenting program; and The Southwester (\$620) to help support the voice of our community through advertising which solicits funds and grant applications.

For more information on RPF of Southwest, please visit www.swdc.org or call President Farlee at (202) 554-4407. Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to River Park Friends, c/o Coralie Farlee, President, 389 O Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024.

"We would appreciate contributions both small and large and we encourage contributions from Southwest and Near Southeast DC businesses to support our activities", said President Farlee.



Four of the twelve students who received SW Scholarship grants are shown before they were warmly welcomed at Friday Night Jazz in SW at Westminster Church.

Twelve College Grants For SW Students

Twelve college students living in Near SW applied to SWNA's S.W. Scholarship fund last spring and have received grants for the 2007-08 school year, between \$500 and \$1500. The students and their colleges are as follows, in no particular order:

Makai Kellogg at Trinity College; Tiffany Robinson at Georgetown U; Sydney Henriques-Payne at U of Pittsburgh; Natania Moscoe at Virginia State U; Allen Dobbins at Virginia Union U; Natasha Rodriguez at U of MD at College Park (grant from River Park Friends); Diamond Kirkland at Temple U; Ebene Smalls at Virginia State U; Shakira Thomas at Howard U; Jamal Hansberry



Three of the twelve students who received SW Scholarship grants are shown before they were warmly welcomed at Friday Night Jazz in SW at Westminster Church.

at Morehouse U; Hloniphile Mkokolee at UDC; and McKindra Leftsinger at Virginia State University (grant from Westminster Presbyterian Church).

Southwest Business, Execware, Inc., Has New Patents

(Excerpts from a release)

Execware, Inc., a small home business of Robert Listou of SW, has announced the online release of **Reason**, a new type of PC software "that supports human reasoning with innovative functionality based on exclusive use of the firm's several software patents."

The concept is that "only by examining every permutation of a data table can a person be sure of detecting

all meaningful relationships, good or bad, between the table's data elements. Automated sorting makes that practical."

Reason is distributed at <http://www.execware.com>. Also available there is a slide presentation and free yet fully functional **Reason**, with sample data and a tutorial, but limited to handling a dataset of 25 items.

Execware was founded by Listou, a retired USAF

pilot. He relates his concepts to "the dynamic interactive relationship between a pilot's mind, the aircraft controls, and the data on the instrument panel."

For information contact:
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Coast Trail to Anacostia River-walk

Progress is being made to connect the 20 mile long Anacostia Riverwalk to the 3,000 mile "traffic-free path linking East Coast cities from Maine to Florida," known as the East Coast Greenway.

The Garfield Park – Canal Park Connector Project of the DC Dept. of Transportation in Near SE DC will receive public comments in March and April 2008. That project focuses on the streets and sidewalks leading from Garfield Park on under the SE/SW Freeway to the proposed Canal Park on Second St. SE. In the meantime the project advisory committee of more than a dozen organizations and agencies will meet to decide on plans for next steps.

Progress so far is detailed on a project

website www.tooledesign.com – click on "Garfield Park Canal Park Connector Project." That website also includes the names of the members of the advisory committee to whom you can address comments..

A public meeting in October discussed ideas for the layout and activities under the freeway, ways to avoid conflict between bicyclists, hikers, recreational uses, and automobiles. Extensive reports are included on the website.

Layout of trails can be found on the DC Dept. of Transportation entry on the web by Googling Anacostia Riverwalk Trail and on www.greenway.org, the East Coast Greenway website.

Safeway Continues Charity Giving

Craig Muckle, public affairs manager for area Safeway stores, has reported the company continues to give generously to local, area and national causes. A few examples:

"Safeway continued its annual in-store fundraising campaigns to fight prostate and breast cancer with record-breaking results, raising more than \$2.2 million (combined) through its 178 mid-Atlantic stores."

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Fireworks Prelude on SW Waterfront



Activities on the SW Waterfront before the Fireworks display included Pirates in costume, above, known as "The Crew of the Apocalypse."

At right, Perry and Sue Klein with the mascot of the Police Patrol Boat.



The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, above, had a display, including information on the Call Box project. Left to right are Corrine Scott, Lida Churchville, SWNA Board; Mary Ternes and Perry Klein, SWNA Board. All four are active with the SWNA call box project, which has prepared historic call boxes on SW curbs and is seeking artists to design art to complete them.

Town Center Plaza North Renting in May

By Whitney Gravel

The north building at Town Center Plaza Apartments is being renovated and in May will begin leasing affordable apartments.

The new name of the 8-story building at 1001 3rd St SW (corner of 3rd and K)

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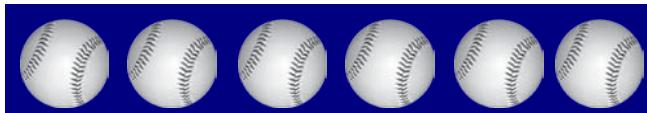
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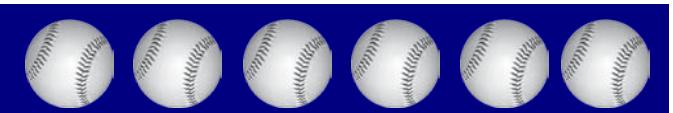
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Ballpark News



By Carolyn Warrick

Kudos to our men in Blue, the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department displayed their superior skills in crowd control on Saturday, for the opening game of the Nationals Baseball Park. The game patrons were season ticket holders and they arrived with exuberance indicative of baseball fans, dressed in bright game colors.

With a changing neighborhood such as ours, there was a mixture of people in the surrounding area. The men in blue were at their best insuring the safety of everyone, fans and residents alike. The patrons were eagerly approaching the stadium as residential on-lookers stood by to observe the new energy that the stadium brings to this area. There were check points strategically placed on every corner and the patrons moved swiftly to their destination.

Squad Cars controlled the traffic flow on South Capitol Street minimizing any traffic jams along the

Opening Day Blues



Game Day Police Check Points. Photo by Carolyn Warrick

entrances, while helicopters hovered above the M Street Corridor amplifying the superior crowd control tactics of our Police Department. The officers politely approached anyone who looked vagrant to move on to their destination while directing the increased number of approaching Nationals patrons.

The entire area was patrolled; every corner had police check points, including the 7-11. The check points were the waterfront area in Southwest to the bridges of Eleventh Street, S.E. from the Comfort Inn to the Navy Yard, along 4th Street, S.W. (the Fort McNair area) to HUD (7th Street, S.W.) and connecting to Main Street all the way to the Smithsonian.

The neighborhood has been in anticipation of the opening of the stadium for the past year; it has changed from a total residential environment to a semi commercial one. The SWNA has had many concerns regarding the building of the National Stadium and the new energy that it brings to us. The opening day is just a sample of what's in store.

Nationals Stadium 2008 Visitor Parking Permits – DDOT, MPD, DMV

Besides the **DC Dept. of Transportation (DDOT)** mailing to Near SE & Near SW residences of one-per-household Nationals Stadium 2008 visitor parking permits, **Metropolitan Police (MPD) through their police stations** can give out one or more "special occasion" visitor permits for up to 15 days. Required is a

personal visit by the resident to one of two police stations in Ward 6 to fill in an application listing the license plate of the visitors' vehicles. Another visit is required to renew the permit. The two stations for residential parking streets marked "District 6" are at 415 – 4th St. SW and 500 E St. SE.

Information on the web is at mpdc.dc.gov, click on Traffic Safety and click on Parking Permits- Visitors.

Meanwhile the **DC Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)** at its service centers issues special 60 day visitor parking permits for "health care providers" and 15 day permits for commercial vehicles doing

"home renovations or repairs." Original documents required from the visiting vehicle and the resident are listed on the DMV website dmv.dc.gov. Under Online Services, click Parking Permits/ Reciprocity, then click Health Care Permits or Contractual Employee Temporary Parking Permit.

Nationals Charity Grants

Donations will be accepted by the public (as well as being made by the team) to the Nationals Dream Foundation. Donate \$250 or more and get your name on one of dozens of baseballs on three large walls at Nationals Park.

Initial grants by the foundation have gone to the Hopkins Branch of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington, 1000 12th St. SE for a teen director, to the Earth Conservation Corps with offices on the Anacostia River in Near SW and Near SE, to the Children's National Medical Center for children with diabetes, and to DC for a Youth Baseball Academy.

Residents Only on One Side; Visitors 2 Hr. On the Other

All residential streets in Near SW & SE in Ward 6 are now being marked with red signs on one side of the street for parking ONLY by Ward 6 residents with Zone 6 stickers in their windshields and the other side with green signs permitting 2 hour free parking by anyone. With the big 6 sticker in your window you can park on either side as long as you like.



Green sign – 2 hour parking



Red sign - no parking by any vehicle that doesn't have a 6 sticker.

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Trained staff to help you look for a job is in the van in front of the King-Greenleaf Rec Center, First & N St. SW every Wed. from 10 am to 2 pm.

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At the DC Marathon Southwest Neighborhood Assembly volunteers cheered runners on.

Marathoners Cheered by SW Residents

Dozens of D.C. Marathon runners on Sat. morning Mar. 29 were encouraged by a cheering squad of SW residents along the route.

Standing near So. Capitol St. SW and P St. SW, the group (organized by SWNA vice-president Carolyn Mitchell) directed the runners to a right turn toward the So. Capitol St. Bridge.

Buses for Bowen Students

By Carole Early

Charles Allen of Council Member Tommy Wells staff, spoke of the Mayor's commitment for a school bus to run to the neighborhoods south of M Street. It would pick up students who formerly went to Bowen School who will now be attending Amidon Elementary School

By Thelma D. Jones

A standing room only crowd at the Syphax Community Center witnessed the recent graduation ceremony of 12 proud students, ages 5-11, from the Computer-for-Kids Training Program. Hosted by the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) in partnership with the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center and First Time Computers, the ceremony culminated the eight-week computer program at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, the goal of which was to help reduce the digital divide in Southwest (zip code 20024) and Near Southeast (zip 20003). Each graduating student has been awarded a refurbished computer with the understanding the student will commit to sharing the knowledge with other household members.

Jamal O. Jones, a YATF protégée and son of Southwest civic leader Thelma



Instructor Craig Ferguson and his class



The banner of The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, co-sponsors of the computer program, was on display next to the three volunteer instructors, LaShawn Williams, left, Gerald Brown and Craig Ferguson.

Jones, served as the master of ceremonies. Dr. Beryl C. Rice, Co-Chair of YATF, welcomed the audience and highlighted some of YATF's accomplishments since its inception in 1982. Guest Speaker Retired Col. Will A. Gunn, United States Air Force, and former President & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, delivered an inspiring speech using the word DRIVE — Determined, Ready, Individual, Virtue, and Excel — and skillfully engaged the graduates and the other kids in the audience.

Standing in front of the SWNA banner, Instructors Gerald Brown, LaShawn R. Williams and Craig Ferguson

presented the gold-seal certificates to the neatly dressed graduates who each wore red carnations. Students were also given a goody bag full of loot! Graduates included: Ronyae Bellamy*, Jeffery Crawford*, Paris Holman, Makhi Lawson*, Malik Lawson*, Dwayne Ruffin, Jr.*, Quanis T. Freeman*, B'Jon Fenwick*, Henry Moton, V*, Sharmia Howard, Anaya Robinson, and Aigne Sanders. The asterisks indicated that the students had perfect attendance. Graduate Dwayne Ruffin, Jr. was recognized as a junior leader for consistently demonstrating leadership skills throughout the program. He will earn community service hours for volunteering with future computer classes and field trips.

Special thanks to the Southwest Catering Company who provided the refreshments for the reception. Also, thanks to Safeway, Washington Cable, ANC Commissioners' Rhonda Hamilton and Ron McBee, Christine Spencer, James Creek Resident Councils, Henry Moton, IV, King-Greenleaf Recreation, and River Park Mutual Homes for their overall efforts and support in ensuring the success of the eight-week computer program. Ruby Cleveland, grandparent of Graduate Paris Holman, summed up the graduation with a big smile: "I



LaShawn Williams poses with her computer class.

started not to come, but now I'm really glad that I did. YATF is doing some wonderful things with the kids."

D.C. Rec Busy at Amidon

Games and other activities kept children busy during Spring Break at Amidon....



Future Police Move To Bowen

By Carole Early

I asked Commander David Kamperin of the 1st District MPD about the police move to Bowen School and here are his answers:

Q. 1) Will the Police Boy's & Girl's Club No. 4 remain on the premises? If not, why not?

A. by CDR Kamperin: "This is a decision that is still being discussed. Although we assist the Boy's and Girl's Club, the clubs are an independent entity (the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of Greater Washington). There are advantages and disadvantages to the club remaining on the premises. Considering the school is scheduled to house not only a 24hr / 7 day police patrol facility but our Violent Crime Branch and

Patrol Support Division, there are security, access, parking and other issues that must be considered. We are looking at several options at this time".

Q. 2) What kind of time schedule is expected before MPD moves in? Will renovations be extensive? What state of the art technologies will be implemented at the new location?

A. by Cdr Kamperin. "According to a recent meeting I had with personnel from our facilities, property management and the architect, the move-in-time is anticipated to be between November 2008 – Spring 2009. The renovations are extensive as the site must be suitable for a major patrol district and its functions (to include station area, cell block holding facility, locker rooms, squad / roll call room,

etc). Regarding technologies, there are discussions with our IT department to enhance the interview and processing rooms, install "temperature boards" that would broadcast international, national and local information on a continuous basis to secure locations in the facility, and other upgrades that are being proposed"

Q. 3) Who first proposed the idea of MPD moving into Bowen?

A. by Cdr Kamperin "I don't know when the discussion to move 1D to Bowen began. When the decision was made to construct the new crime lab at the 1D location it is likely that the search for a new location began".

Safe Sitter Class For Instructors Fri. May 16

New instructors for teaching 11-13-year olds in safe babysitting techniques will get instruction at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Fri. May 16 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Pre-register at workshops@safesitter.org For information www.safesitter.org or call locally to Thelma Jones, 202-488-3746, an instructor in Near Southwest.

Cherry Trees Planted at Amidon Elementary School



Above, Kindergarten students display artwork they had prepared for the cherry tree celebration. Below, visiting Japanese high school students helped with the planting.



Naomi Mitchell of Council Member Tommy Wells office helped with the digging ceremony.

Trees were 7-10 feet tall when planted, and their maximum potential will be 25-30 feet tall,

As shown in these photos, three cherry trees were planted by celebrities, high school students visiting from Japan and students at Amidon Elementary School at 4th and I (Eye) St. SW during the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

with a maximum branch spread of 25 feet.

Care of the trees, which SW neighbors and staff members at Amidon have agreed to, include watering each with 20 gallons of water each week from mid-April to early Oct. (Outside water taps at the school are within 100 feet). In addition new layers of mulch must be placed around each tree each spring and fall. Neighbors agreeing to assist the students and teachers in caring for the trees for years to come include Perry Klein, Board Member of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Dr. Clarence Brown, nearby resident who is also president of the Amidon PTA, and Gloria Pate, Amidon parent.

Under the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program, presented by The Home Depot, cherry blossom trees are planted in all eight wards of the city. This program gives neighbors the



After the tree planting children enjoyed a spread of Sushi contributed by Philips Flagship Restaurant and chopsticks, fortune cookies and green tea from Jenny's Asian Fusion.

resources, training, and counsel they need for successful tree adoption.

At last year's festival, Perry Klein helped arrange a similar planting of cherry trees at Jefferson Middle School on 7th and H St. SW

D.C. Tells SWNA Of Lansburg Park Needs

(from notes by Meg Brinckman, SWNA Secretary)

Amy Tarce, National Capital Planning Commission, and Jesse Rounds, D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, CapitalSpace Partners presented the DRAFT plan for Lansburg Park Model Project. Lansburg Park has been under Federal jurisdiction, but has now been transferred to the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation. The CapitalSpace Partners include the National Park Service, Department of Energy, The D.C. Office of Planning, National Capital Planning Commission and DC Department of Parks and Recreation. The rapid growth in all areas of the city points up the need to preserve and improve parks in DC.

A meeting with SW community leaders on January 29, 2008, gave input to the uses that could be made of the Lansburg space. The planners are open to ideas from the community. Reference was made to an older plan to utilize Bowen School as a Community Center and the pledge by the Department of Motor Vehicles when they located adjacent to the park. There was also a promise made by the Corcoran during their negotiation with the ANC for involvement in the

upgrading of Lansburg Park. It was pointed out that the Bowen property would be used for the First District Police Headquarters.

Several members of the audience remarked on the need for water and electricity to be restored to the park. Uses in the interim, while a full renovation is being planned, are stymied by the lack of both water and power. Use of the area for a Community Garden as well for summer arts festivals by community groups were mentioned.

Jesse Rounds replied that there are problems with locating records of the water and electrical installations that were done when the National Park Service owned the park. In reference to the establishment of a "Dog Park," Rounds said that Parks and Recreation does not initiate plans for "Dog Parks", but that sufficient community interest can result in the inclusion of one.

The community can make input to the process by contacting Melissa McKnight, Head of the CapitolSpace Partners at D.C. Parks and Recreation.

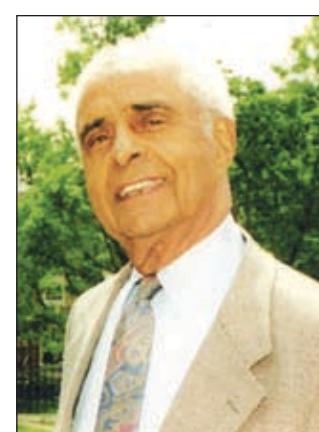
CapitolSpace will hold a public meeting at Martin Luther King Library, 901 G Street, NW, May 20, 2008, 5:30 PM. All are encouraged to attend.

Walter Brooks Honored

By Thelma A. Jones

Walter Brooks may hold the distinction of being the first Honorary Vestry Member at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. During St. A's recent annual meeting, Brooks was recognized with a lovely plaque and a letter of gratitude. Rev. Martha Clark, Priest-in-Charge said: "It is a privilege to inform you that the Vestry of St. Augustine's has voted, unanimously, to confer upon you the title of Honorary Vestry Member. To our knowledge, you are the first recipient of this title in the 42-year history of St. A's." Surprised by the recognition, Brooks thanked the church and flashed his classic, yet composed smile.

Brooks was recognized for his nearly 40 years of faithful commitment and dedicated service to St. A's and the Southwest community, where he skillfully combines his passion, spirit of volunteerism, and professional and personal life to make a remarkable difference. At St. A's, Brooks has served on the vestry, performed overall maintenance service, provided transportation and assembling of food for the homeless feeding program, helped to prepare breakfast for the Sunday feeding ministry, and served as a photographer. In addition, Brooks was delegate to both the Diocese Convention and the Regional Committee and is currently serving on



Walter Brooks

the Altar Guild.

In the community, he served as chairperson of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA-YATF), which began at St. A's in 1982, served on the community's Recreation Committee and volunteered at Randall Recreation Center where he eventually worked for a number of years. Brooks is a Howard University

graduate with a BA in Health and Physical Education and a Masters from New York University in Human Relations Education. His passion for youth is reflected in both his civic involvement as well as his professional life where he worked with the DC Recreation Department and taught physical education in DCPS before becoming a school administrator.

Brooks was married to the late Charlotte K. Brooks, former YATF Chairperson and SWNA Board Member for more than 55 years. Together, they shared a passion for the community and youth and lived in Southwest's Tiber Island for more than 50 years. Brooks now lives in Silver Spring, MD with spouse Dr. Verna Cook, President, Black Women in Sisterhood (BISA), an educational and charitable organization. Both can still be seen regularly at St. A's, especially on many Saturdays when Brooks comes down to prepare the altar for Sunday's service.



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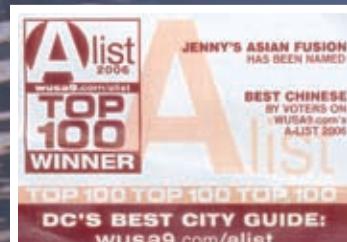
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